

# STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA— ELWHA FALL CHUM

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## STOCK STATUS

1992 STATUS	2002 STATUS
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>

## STOCK STATUS RATING DATA

There are no abundance trend data for Elwha fall chum, so their status remains **Unknown** in 2002.

## STOCK DEFINITION

Elwha fall chum were identified as a stock based on their distinct spawning distribution.

**SPAWNING DISTRIBUTION:** Most spawning takes place in the lower mile of the Elwha River.

**SPAWNING TIMING:** Spawning generally occurs from mid-November through December.

**GENETIC ANALYSIS:** Allozyme analysis has shown that Elwha fall chum resemble Quilcene late fall chum.

## STOCK ORIGIN

This is a **native** stock with **wild** production. The Elwha Tribe's hatchery had a chum program (circa 1980) that used primarily Hood Canal (Walcott Slough, near the Quilcene River) fish and some native Elwha and Lyre fall chum.